



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Superintendents, Curriculum Coordinators, and Principals

**FROM:** Dr. Stacey Hughes, Asst. Superintendent  
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**SUBJECT:** Common Core Standards

In recent weeks, the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) staff has received numerous inquiries regarding the status of Indiana's Academic Standards in Mathematics (2009) in relation to the Common Core State Standards Initiative and Indiana Textbook Adoption. Please review the following information on both efforts for further clarification.

### **Common Core State Standards Initiative**

The Common Core State Standards Initiative is a state-led effort coordinated by the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices (NGA Center) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO). Governors and state commissioners of education from 48 states, 2 territories and the District of Columbia committed to developing a common core of state standards in English-language arts and mathematics for grades K-12.

These sets of standards define the knowledge and skills students should have to succeed in entry-level, credit-bearing, academic college courses and in workforce training programs.

The college- and career-readiness standards were released for public comment in September 2009. The K-12 standards are expected to be released for public comment in January and are expected to be finalized in early 2010.

In response to this effort, the Indiana Department of Education plans to conduct a thorough content review and an alignment study looking at these K-12 standards in relation to Indiana's Academic Standards. IDOE is committed to the following:

1. **Internal Review** – Immediately following the release of the K-12 standards in January 2010, the IDOE will work internally to review the content and document the alignment between these standards and Indiana's Standards resulting in State feedback for submission by mid-January.
2. **External Review** – Immediately following the release of the final K-12 standards in early 2010, the IDOE will work with an external group of content and school experts to review the relationship between these standards and Indiana's Standards resulting in a crosswalk that shows and describes the connection between these sets of standards.

3. **Curricular Support** – Upon completion of the crosswalk, IDOE will post the document with accompanying guidance for curricular planning.

### Indiana Textbook Adoption

On December 2, 2009 the Indiana State Board of Education approved the list of mathematics textbooks that may be adopted during this textbook adoption cycle. Schools are invited to consider the following three options:

1. **Delay** – The Indiana State Board of Education expects to adopt the common core standards for mathematics in 2010. By delaying adoption, corporations can ensure mathematics textbooks and materials are aligned with the common core mathematics standards. Corporations may choose to continue using current mathematics textbooks and instructional materials and charge a textbook fee of 15% of the total cost of the textbook currently in use I.C. 20-26-12-2(b). *Corporations will report continued use of previously adopted textbooks on the School Corporation Reports of Adopted Textbooks.*
2. **Adopt** – Corporations may elect to adopt new mathematics textbooks and instructional materials for 2010-11 and subsequent school years. The official 2009 mathematics textbook adoption list can be accessed at the following Web address:  
[http://dew4.doe.in.gov/WF/TEXTBOOK/r07/2009\\_dpita07.cgi](http://dew4.doe.in.gov/WF/TEXTBOOK/r07/2009_dpita07.cgi). Corporations will report their adoptions on the School Corporation Reports of Adopted Textbooks.
3. **Waive** – Corporations may exercise the option of the blanket waiver and adopt a mathematics textbook or instructional material that is not on the approved list. This option is similar to last year's social studies blanket waiver. The "Curriculum Usage Report" can be found at [www.doe.in.gov/olt/textbook/welcome.html](http://www.doe.in.gov/olt/textbook/welcome.html) in the "important information" box on the right side of the screen. Select "Curriculum Usage Report" to download and complete the form for reporting alternative materials or textbooks not on the adoption list.

You can expect communication from us throughout the process. If you have questions do not hesitate to call or email Mrs. Trice Black 317.232.6610 ext 29158 or [ablack@doe.in.gov](mailto:ablack@doe.in.gov).